CROKER OUT **AS NEW YORK** FIRE CHIEF

Quits the Service After 27 Years on a Pension of \$6,000 a Year.

ANNOUNCES HIS PLANS.

Will Head New National Bureau for the Prevention of Fires.

Edward F. Croker, chief of the New York Fire Department, with which he had been connected for twenty-seven years, resigned at noon to-day.

His resignation was accepted and Commissioner Waldo placed acting Chief John Kenlon in charge of the department. Acting Chief Kenlon has recently been a deputy chief in charge of the Marine Bureau, with headquarters at pler A. Battery Park. He will serve as acting chief for about six months, when an examination of the fifteen eligible deputy chiefs will be held.

Mr. Croker, in a typewritten statement, which he had prepared in advance of handing in his resignation, appounces his intention of engaging in the work of fire prevention by means of a Bureau of Fire Prevention, national in its scope, the headquarters of which are to be in this city. The plan has the approval of Fire Commissioner Waldo, Mayor Gay-nor and the fire underwriting interests.

To Employ Retired Firemen. It contemplates the employment of re-tired fremen as watchmen and fire drill masters. The details of the plan have not been worked out, but Mr. Croker will be in shape to make them public in

a couple of days.
"I resigned from the Fire Depart-ment," said the former Chief, "of my own free will. There was no friction between me and Commissioner Waldo. The friendliest feeling prevalis between us. I have had this step in contemplaprevention grew more apparent to me, but my determination to devote myself to are prevention was really brought to a focus by the Auch Building fire."

Commissioner Waldo was informed on Saturday that the Chief of the depart-

ment wanted to get out. The Commisshape of the following communication: BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, April 14. Rhinelander Waldo, Fire Commis-

> Sir: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 790 of the Charter of New York City, and in compliance therewith. I hereby respectfully make application to be retired and dismissed from the uniformed force and service and placed on the roll of the relief or pension fund and awarded and granted an annual penamounting to one-half my present salary for the remainder of my 8 o'clock A. M. on May 1, 1911. Re-

spectfully, EDWARD F. CROKER, Chief of Department.

Pension Will Be \$6,000. The salary of Mr. Croker as chief of the Department was \$10,000 a year. This salary was specially fixed for him re-

cently was specially fixed for him re-cently when the salary of Deputy Chief Laily, in charge of Brooklyn and Queens, was m. e \$47,500. Under the rule of pensions amounting to half salary Mr. Croker would get \$5,000 a year, but Commi loner Waldo has fixed his pension at \$6,000, with the approval of the Mayor. It is in the

the mandatory pension provided by law. Mr. Croker was an early arrival at the City Hall this morning, reaching there some time before Mayor Gaynor arrived. The Chief was shown into an antercom of the Mayor's office. He was joined there by Fire Commissioner Waldo, and they remained together until Mayor Gaynor gave them an audience. The Mayor had been advised in advance of what he was to expedt.

commissioner Waldo handed Chief Croker's resignation to the Mayor, who expressed deep regret at the necessity for accepting it nook the etiring Chief by the hand and wished him success in his new venture. In giving out the news of the retirement, Commissioner

"It is with extreme regret that I have accepted Chief Croker's request to be retired. I have the greatest admiration for him as a Chief of Department, a fire fighter and a man. The city of New York sustains a loss in the sever-ance of the relations between Edward F. Croker and the Fire Department." Mr. Croker then handed out his type-

written statement containing his reasons for retiring from active fire lighting. The statement follows: Takes Up Cherished Duty.

It is only after long and careful consideration that I have decided to tender my resignation and retire as Chief of the New York Fire Department. While such action on my part is accompanied by feelings of the keenest regret at separating from the brave and splendid body of officers and men forming the Fire Department of this city, which has been and always will be my special price. I feel that I have a special duty to perform toward the possion which has so long himored me with



JOHN KENLON (

CROPSEY WITNESS

AT GRAND JURY'S

Asked Why He Held Up for

Months Findings in

O'Brien Case.

When the Grand Jury resumed its in-

vestigations of crime and police condi-

examined by Assistant District-Attor-

ney Frank Moss and Special Prosecutor

George Gordon Battle, who are in charge

Prominent among these witnesses were

Deputy Commissioner John J. Walsh,

who brought with him from Head-

triat; Inspector George Titus, Capt.

Patrick Corcoran of the East One Hun-

dred and Fourth street station, whose framed photograph was recently found

where so many robberles of suitors have

Seven citizen witnesses were also on

hand-all of them victims of burglaries or highway robberies for which no one

Mr. Walsh was the first man to be

dence he had made his report with

specific recommendation to his chief.

He couldn't explain of his own knowl-

had falled to act upon the findings sub-

grand jurors at once called for the pres-

itted by him. On hearing this the

fine the jurers listened to the of Henry Lisba, a leweller of No.

said, why the Commissioner

has ever been arrested.

of the inquiry.

CRIME INQUIRY

in the case of

Mayor would say nothing

ACTING FIRE CHIEF HERO MEDAL WINNER.

Acting Chief Kenlon, the new head of the Fire Department, was swarded a medal for bravery on April 7.

In the big fire in Piers Nos. 14 and 15, North River, on July 16, 1910, Kenlon, with Battalion Chief Worth, three firemen and a pilot, ran a fireboat into a maeistrom of fire and smoke and rescued two men who were in the water cline ing to the supports of one of the burning piers. All the men engaged in this piece of rescue work were blistered by the intense heat. Kenlon was appointed to the

Department, after leaving the United States Navy, in 1887. May 1, 1909, he was made a deputy chief and placed in charge of the Marine Division, where he has remained ever since. He is fiftyone years old.

fighting and fire extinguishing organizations of our great modern cities have reached a high state of efficiency and are keeping well abreast of the demands made upon them, our citizens have been paying too little attention to the vital matter of fire prevention, of which I have been for years a consistent ad-

vocate.
The enormous fire waste in the United States, exceeding \$200,000,000 a year, and the vastly greater indirect losses which result seriously rect losses which result seriously affect our economic and civic prog-

The loss of lives by fire is one which cannot be measured in dollars nor expressed in words, and which cannot be realized save by those unfortunates, whose relatives or friends have succumbed in many deplorable calamities.

Fire Can Be Prevented.

It has been my observation that a large majority of fires arise from preventable causes, and that if pro-per fire prevention methods were applied there would be a tremendous decrease in the fire waste, a loss to the inexperienced almost incompre-

hensible.

We have no department of our government devoted to the matter of fire-prevention. Our laws on the subject are not and cannot be specialized to completely cover any particular building or business, al-though they can be made broad enough in their general application to go a great way toward partly solving the problem. It must become either the duty or opportualty of some other agency to complete that which statutes or legal regula-

that which statutes or legal regula-tions must accessarily fall in to accomplish completely, and to that end my efforts will go out.

I have therefore, arrived at the conclusion that my long experience gained in the service of the Fire De-partment places upon me the duty of putting that experience at the im-mediate disposal of the public in or-der that it may be applied to the der that it may be applied to the other end of our common problem—the prevention of fire; And I am hepeful that the coming years of my active life will leave behind them a record of public good, accomplished in that direction

in that direction. in that direction.

With that object in view, my experience and inlimate knowledge of men thoroughly tried in that direction, now honorably retired offi ers. I am confident that I can be of more service out of the department in projection. He are received in the department in projection. tecting life and property than here-tofore, for I will have a greater field of activity and usefulness, as well as opportunity, to carry out my ideas, which, if enabled to do, I am sure will prevent a repetition of the late disasters which have startled the

Plans will be perfected by me within the next forty-eight hours for establishing in this city a pureau completely equipped to carry out these purposes.

New Chief's Stlary \$7,000. With the retinament of Mr. Craker the

SHOT DOWN BY **NEGRO DRIVER**

Killing of John Harris by George Davis Starts Riot on West Side.

POLICE SAVE SLAYER.

Victim, Who Lived in Rutherford, N. J., Alleged to Have Started the Row.

John Harris of Rutherford, N. J., was shot and killed in view of scores of persons near Sixth avenue and Twentyninth street this afternoon by George Davis, a colored truck driver, whom he had revited after bumping into him. O'Leary of the Tenderloin station, who witnessed the shooting. Only the the immediate neighborhood prevented a race riot and Davis was dragged to the Tenderloin Mation through yelling. fighting crowds of blacks and whites.

Bumped Into Him. The colored man is employed by an y-ninth street. Davis lives at No. 122 soon about 3 o'clock Miss Seligman, who avenue. While turning the corner the slammed me about, he knocked down he graphed me by the three bumped into him.

to resign, adding that when the Chief called to-day and stated that "the plan-Davis and the police say that both Harris and Cassidy were intoxicated, rough about it.

Davis says that they reviled him with "On June 1. resign," the Mayor understood the situation fully. Further than this the references to his color. He said nothing, but ran back to the Seligman and turned on him again. Policeman said afterward that Cassidy lunged

> Policeman O'Leary sprang across the reet just as a score of white men to get at the negro and there were me round and round the room.
>
> Shouts of "Lynch him" ringing from "We were living in a house he owned the wires and siender framework a "We were living in a house he owned the wires and siender framework a

Cassidy was arrested as a witness, away. dragged through a yelling crowd to bit me." the Tenderloin station. Harris's body was taken to the station house. His er Cropsey was called late this after- identity was established by a commuoon as a witness before the March tation ticket in his pocket. Cassidy in categorical detail the alleged acts of Grand Jury to explain why he had was only a casual acquaintance.

Inspector "Ginger" O'Brien, who was tried months ago on charges at Head-quarters. U. S. ARMY OFFICER tions at 2 o'clock several high-up police officials were waiting to be examined by Assistant District-Attor-IN THE PHILIPPINES

quarters the minutes in the O'Brien Lieut. Rodney, Second Cavalry, Run Through by Native Seized With Religious Mania.

on the walls of a raided gambling house and in whose precinct the Gas House bands flourish; Capt. William Day of Eldridge street, Capt. Sylvester. Rodney of the Second United States en eggs all aroun, the kitchen and it Cavalry, stationed in the Augur Barracks in the Department of Mindanao, was murdered to-day by a Moro Jura- Mrs. Price does not mention the eggs. Baldwin of Charles street, whose dis-trict includes the waterfront of Chelsea, been reported, and Capt. James Me-Nally of West Forty-seventh street, who had with him records to show that mentado, who, crazed with religious passion, ran amuck thirsting for the in two years more than four hundred complaints of vandalism and thievery blood of a Christian. youthful delinquents had been

The assaszin belongs to the Mohamnedan sect of Juramentados, who nave taken an ! " able oath to shed the blood of the hated Christians. ney know no fear, believing that the performance of what they consider a eligibus duty, if resulting in their death, will be rewarded with eterna

questioned. He was asked what had come of the O'Brish case, regarding bliss. chich there have been ugly rumors. He The fanatic was armed with a bolo, same four-story building at No. 182 and as he tore through the streets those Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, have answered that after reviewing the sviwho saw him fled in terror. He encountered Rodney seemingly by chance and by Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy. struck him down before the officer could defend himself.

formia, thirty-two years of age. He was partment confined the loss to \$200. The appointed a second lieutenant in the house is situated in one of the best First Cavairy some years ago and was sections in Brooklyn and is owned by while waiting for him to come from made first Reutenant in the Second Caythe siry on Aug. 2 last.

ry of Henry Lisba, a leweller of No. Eldringe street, who still here the marks of punishment influed upon him of removes a few days ago. In the patriotic satisfaction of killing their list of his festimony Lisba fell in a Christian elements. Frequently in 12 and by the laws of Sulu, when Mr. Altonory reasoned the Craminal debter who by the laws of Sulu, when points full he at 1.0 and was at once bankrupt, becomes with his wife and children the sayes of a creditor. He is taught that he can liberate his facility from bundage only by the sacring of

WIFE THREW EGGS WHEN HE SCORED 'INTIDY KITCHEN

Alleges 57 Varieties of Cruelty, and Then Some.

HE CALLS HER "LEMON." William Hilliard and Leo Stevens,

Her, Beat Her and Tore

A suit was begun to-day in Jersey miles of the distance when they fell. City for divorce on the grounds of

Mrs. Ada Price was the alleger extraordinary in this unusual suit. Henry R. Price was the defendant, and let it Davis was arrested by Policeman little alleging on his part in a counter-

Price is a clerk in the employ presence of half a dozen policemen in of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mrs. Price's allegation No. 1 is that Henry's salary is \$57 a month, and that such has been his stipend since they

"Out of this \$57 a month," said Mrs. auctioneer named Seligman, who has a Price, "he gave me M a week to keep the place of business at No. 100 West Twen- house going and then kicked because I (y-ninth street. Davis lives at No. 122) bought tough steak and eggs that were West Twenty-ninth street. This afterno longer young. He not only kicked with language but with heavy boots. acts as bookkeeper for her father, sent He slapped my face, he boxed my ears. Davis out to buy her some candy. He he pulled my hair, he pulled my ears, went to Twenty-ninth street and Sixth he gouged me with his elbows, he down, he grabbed me by the throat, he Caesidy of No. 319 Seventh avenue- choked me, he throttled me, he pulled me about by the hair, he thwacked me,

"On June 1, 1909, a asked him for \$1 to have my shoes stretched. to-day would be realized. He carried " 'Never.' he cried, and rushed at me. stable and got a 38 calibre revolver.

He grabbed me by the throat and Going back to the corner he looked wrenched me about. I waited till he for Harris and Cassidy. They saw him slept and went to his trousers. I took \$1 from them. I had my shoes stretched O'Leary, who was across the street, and it cost me only 30 cents. I thought it would please him to return the for Davis, whereat Davis pulled his 10 cents. I gave it to him. Instead of tilting or careening or giving any o gun. Then Harris jumped in between pleasing him it made him wild. He the ordinary movements of an aeroplans

gouging me in the side with rushed for the negro. O'Leary struck would not let me send for a doctor, the gun from his hand, struck him in that same month he noticed marks down with his club and stood over him. Every white man nearby tried the hair. Holding me thus he dragged plane a little over two miles from the

every side when the other policemen at No. 264 Danforth avenue, but He tangled mass, and Stevens lying unand the prisoner was surrounded and to go home to mother. Sometimes he

except to state that upon her allowance she was unable to purchase the first quality. She alleges that her husband is a wonderful economist, owning a house and having \$1,000 out on bond and mortgage on a salary of \$57 a month.

FIRE MARSHAL SUSPICIOUS. Investigates Three Blazes in One Brooklyn Building.

Three fires within two weeks in the became the subjects of investigation a pile of wall paper in a vacant apart Lieut. Rodney was a native of Cali- ment on the third floor. The Fire De-

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and writes: "I have taken Hood's Saraaparilla. He for a great many years, and I think it is the best blood medicine in the world. I

TWO AVIATORS FALL 100 FEET;

Death Miraculously in Long Island Flight.

Drop Without Warning.

dent of the Williams College Accomputi-

cal Society, accompanied them, and he

and Hilliard made a couple of snort

trial flights at a height of about fifty

feet. The machine appeared to be in

cided the time had come to make their

enough gasoline for a 60-mile trip and

the biplane seemed to be gliding steadily

along at a rate of about fifty miles an

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The body was sent to the Morgue. The

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Hilliard and Stevens, who is more fa-

widely known aviators, had a remarkable escape from death to-day when the engine of & Curtiss biplane in which

Off Clothes.

a New Jersey court of law.

suit to his young wife's action

Montauk Point flight for some weeks, but had kept their plans secret while waiting for the right and of weather. This morning they thought they had it. They went early with a party of men interested in aviation to the Mineola were married and set up housekeeping field, and shortly before 7 o'clock Hillfard sent the machine out and tuned it on June 13, 1909. for the flight. H. Percy Sherman, Prest-

Some of the "Cruelties."

and got a bullet in the left breast that pierced his heart.

A Rush at the Colored Man.

Pleasing him it made him will be a shot.

In the following June he took to The engine had missed fire, and Hishis el- hard and Stevens barely had time to bows. He gouged my ribs awfully and realize that it was out of order before would not let me send for a doctor, they were hurled to the ground.

> suddenly decided to rent it and went der it. When the tenants came I had crushed by the engine, home to mother. Sometimes he Hillard had been pitched forward

Price's Denials.

In his counter suit Henry Price dentes revived and said they felt little inconvenience from their tumble. cruelty. He denies that his salary is \$57 a month. It is only \$56.90. keeper and lazy, that she has no idea economy and is extravagant. She couldn't save anything out of the 86 a week he gave her to run the house and she had the nerve, he declares, to complain that she had no pin money. "So I raised her allowance to \$10 a racing automobiles, but lately employed as a chauffeur for a taxicab line, was she could have \$2 to spend on herself. found dead this afternoon in his room

Naturally I was preved when she asked at Riley's Hotel, Eighth avenue and ne for \$1 to have her shoes stretched. Thirty-ninth street, with gas pouring did not strike her, though. I merely childed her and asked what she did from an opened jet. The body, half with her \$2 allowance. She went up dressed, was stretched on the floor, in the air at this and swore at me. Higgins worked at night and assaulty "She was a lemon as a cook and she slept much of the day. ouldn't market for a cent. One day I was in the kitchen pre aring to cook police could not decide whether death eggs. She couldn't cook them to suit had been caused by accident or by inShe came in and I asked ner why she tend. The dead man was forty-eight didn't keep the kitchen tidy. She picked years old and single. up an egg and said, 'repeat that.' I repeated it and 've let go a egg. It hit the wall, had threw another egg. It hit the celling. She threw half a doz-

Hood's Sarsaparilla

rententits on Greek Lines.

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When his religious feryor has become a fixedy the midman arms himself and holds are moved to the first three and no tonger have that tired feeling."

Get it to-day in usual liquid form or Get it to-day in usual liquid form or

TAFT DEMANDS **DEFINITE WORD** ONLY STUNNED

That's What Price Says; Wife Hilliard and Stevens Escape President Tells Diaz He Must Give Assurance That American Citizens Will Not Suffer.

Taft is anxiously awaiting official re- many times. ports of the second battle between the Mexican Federals and insurrectos at But She Declares He Kicked they were making a flight suddenly Agua Prieta. The telegraph wires at can be operated by women stopped working and they fell 109 feet the White House were busy all morn. children. in a field near the Meadow Brook Hunt ing, but late this afternoon it was Club on Long Island. The two aviators stated officially that the War Department and the State Department had had started on a cross-country trip from the Mineola aviation field to Mon- received no reports of the conflict. Any tauk Point and had made about two action which the President may take will await official despatches,

Neither Stevens nor Hillard was ser- the Mexican Federals again fired across Previous to to-day's battle, in which cruelty in which the bill of particulars lously nurt, but their machine was the international line, smooting an of alleged cruel acts surpassed in smashed to junk, it was Hilliard's acro- American and doing property damage minuteness of detail anything along the plane. He had recently given up the in Bouglas, Ariz. the State Department same lines that has ever been heard in life of a racing automobilist and gone saked the Mexican Government for definite assurances in advance of a ormal reply to the representations the United States that the Douglas inident would not be repeated.

mous as a hallooner than as an aviator, The department also requested inhad been planning to take the Mineloformation as to what preventive measares had been taken.

> SENATE INQUIRY ON MEXICAN SITUATION. vehicle.

WASHINGTON, April 17, Searching The New York inquiry into the situation in Mexico is demanded in a resolution offered to-day by Senator Stone of Missouri. The resolution calls on the Senate Commit tee on Foreign Belations to undertake the investigation because of the damp good working order, and after Stevens to Amer had looked it over carefully they desproperty. to American and foreign lives and

6 Above Zero; 4-Inch Sport. MONTICELLE. MONTICELLO, N. Y., April 19. The mercury dropped to 6 degrees above zero early yesterday and more that four inches of snow fell. The lakes are Hilliard operated the biplane and Stevens was his passenger. They took the air spiendidly and were cheered as they climbed slowly and carefuly to a all fully covered with ice and in height of 100 feet. The men in the field localities five feet of frost is in below believed everything was all right, ground. The season is the most i they climbed slowly and carefuly to a ward in a quarter of a century. ambition to make the point and return



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